AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following paragraph:

A fourth aspect of the present invention is an image processing method which comprises the steps of: storing, each time a correction parameter is determined in red eye correction processing for correcting color tone of a red eye region, which processing is carried out by an operator for an image in which the red eye region exists, a rate of occurrence of the red eye region, and the correction parameter as red-eye correction historical information for each type of camera used for photographing the image; making a determination as to whether ~~the~~an accuracy of the red-eye correction historical information is a fixed level or more; and if the red-eye correction historical information is a fixed level or more, recognizing the type of the camera used for photographing an image to be processed, and determining the rate of occurrence of the red eye region based on the red-eye correction historical information corresponding to the recognized camera type, and for an image in which it is determined that the rate of occurrence of the red eye region is high, searching for the red eye region and automatically determining a correction parameter for the red eye region, wherein the red eye region is a pupil region corresponding to the eyes of a human subject and having undesirable color tone.